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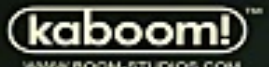


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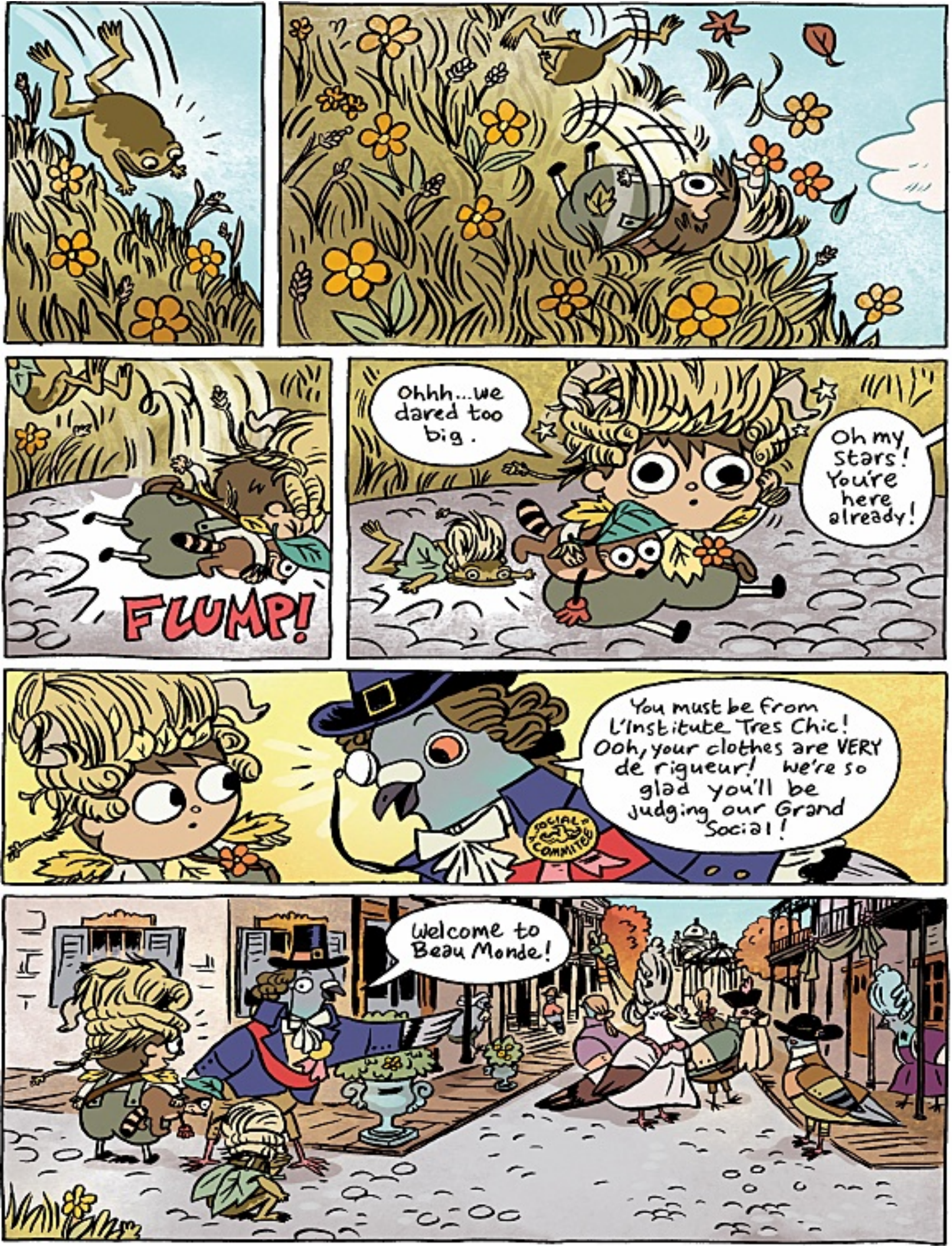
♪ Bumblebee, ice cream, caterpillar, log, We're makin' our way to find the hero frog! ♫
♫ Using our feet Isn't it neat— ♪
ROROP!
Huh?
Whoaaaa!
Sheriff, I think we know what needs to be done. Do we dare?
Rorop?
Yeah!


FLUMP!
Ohhh...we dared too big.
Oh my stars! You're here already!
You must be from L'Institute Tres Chic! Ooh, your clothes are VERY de rigueur! We're so glad you'll be judging our Grand Social!
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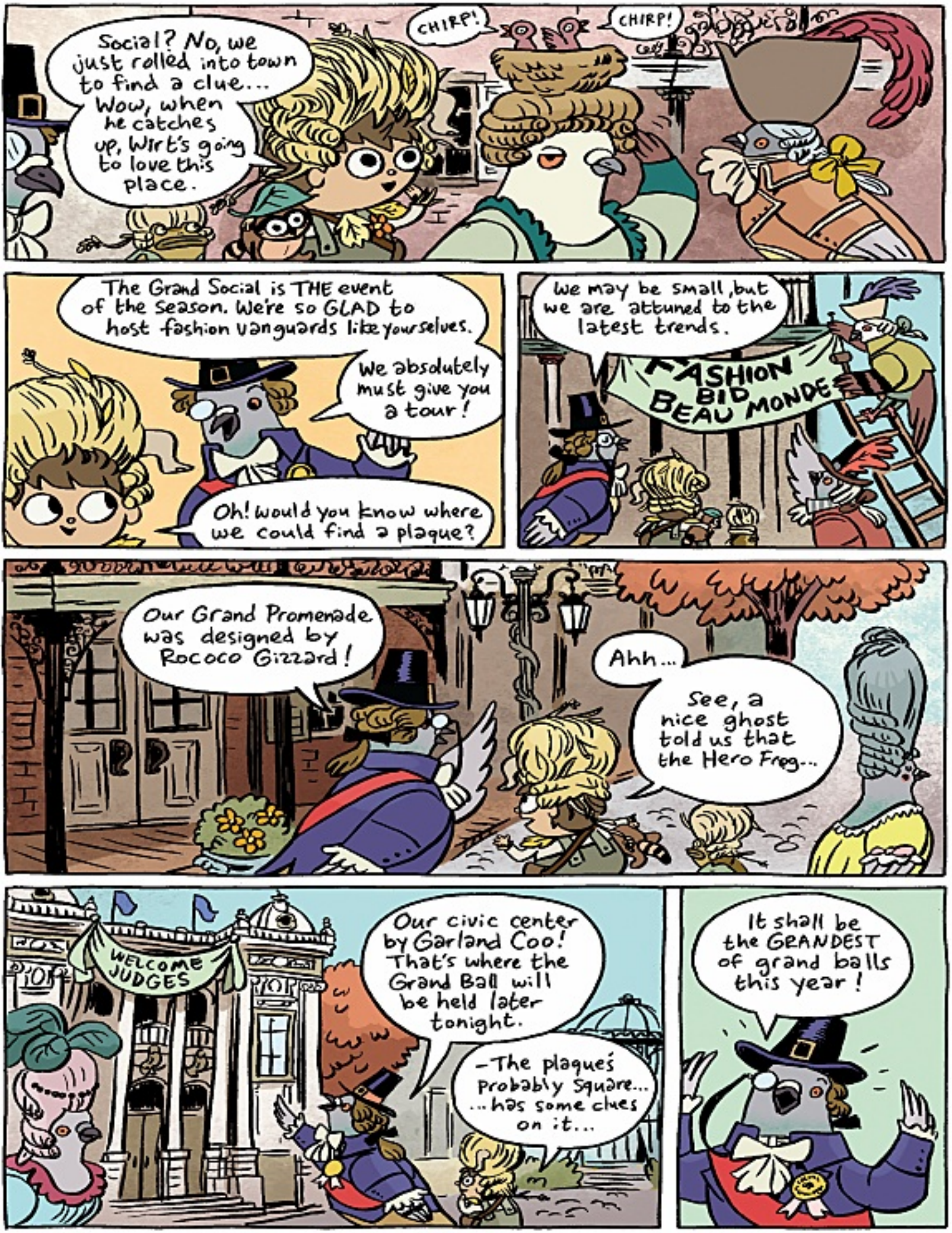
Welcome to Beau Monde!


Social? No, we just rolled into town to find a clue... Wow, when he catches up, Wirt's going to love this place.
CHIRP!
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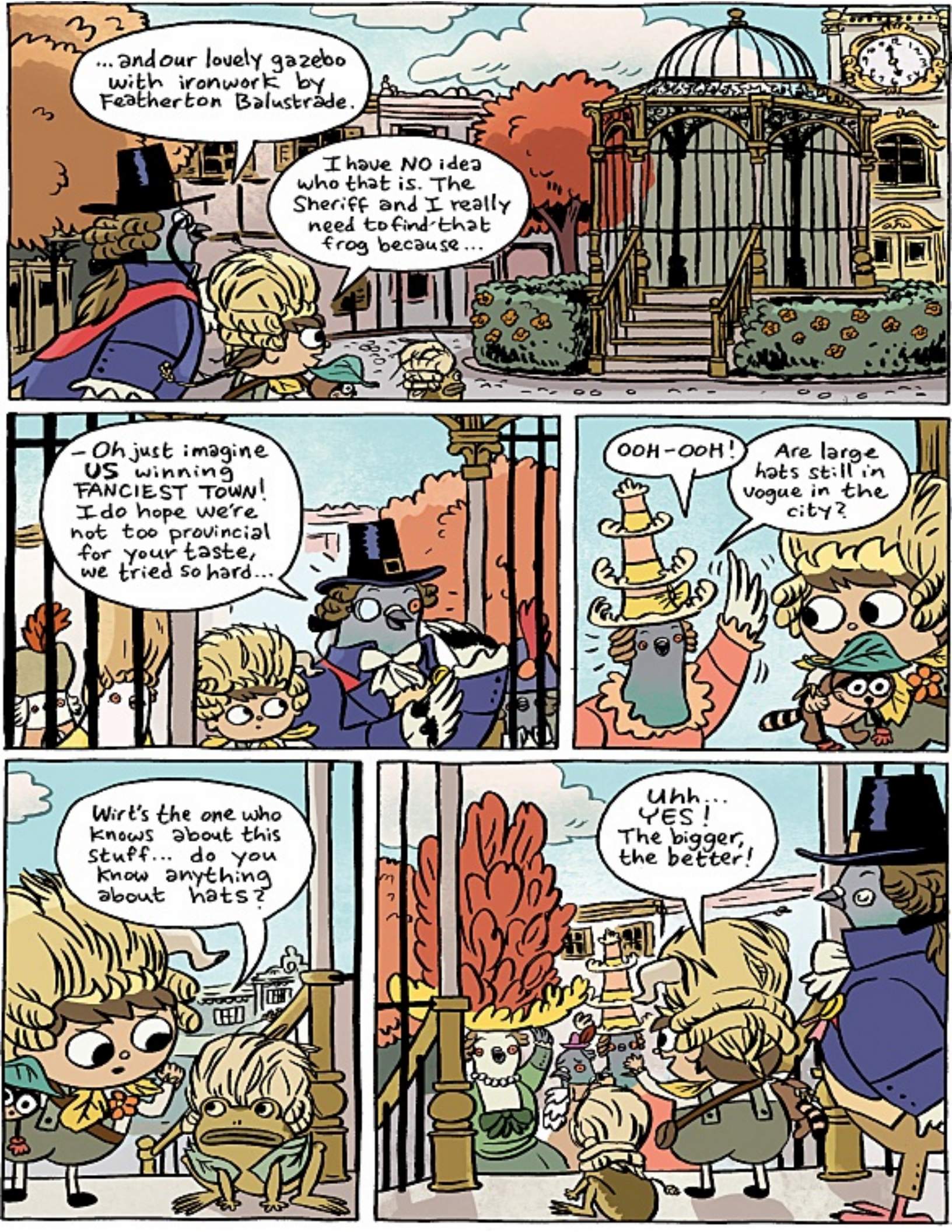
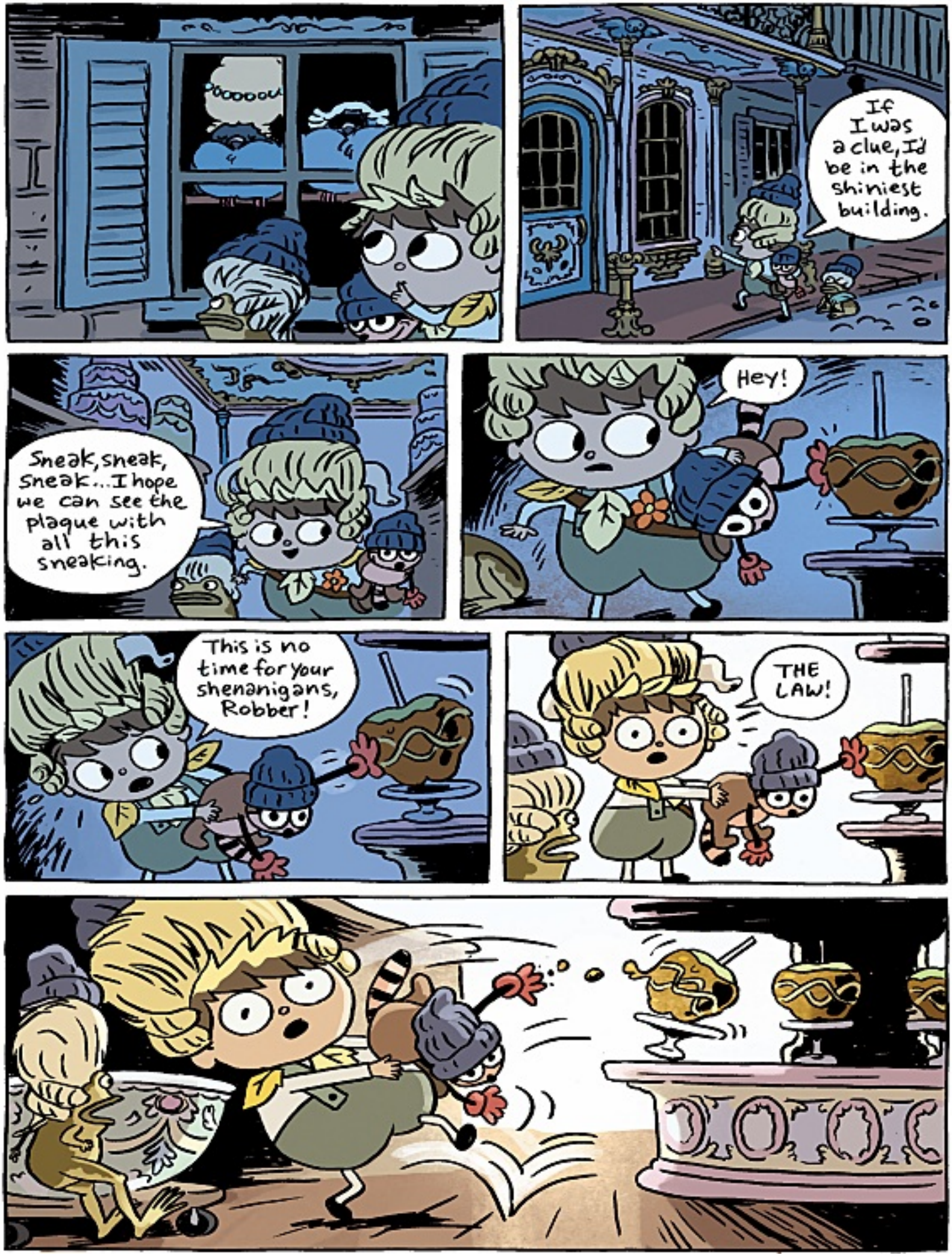
The Grand Social is THE event of the season. We're so GLAD to host fashion vanguards like yourselves.
We absolutely must give you a tour!
Oh! would you know where we could find a plaque?
We may be small, but we are attuned to the latest trends.
FASHION BID BEAU MONDE
Our Grand Promenade was designed by Rococo Gizzard!
Ahh...
See, a nice ghost told us that the Hero Frog...
WELCOME JUDGES
Our civic center by Garland Coo! That's where the Grand Ball will be held later tonight.
-The plaque's probably square... ...has some clues on it...
It shall be the GRANDEST of grand balls this year!


...and our lovely gazebo with ironwork by Featherton Balustrade.
I have NO idea who that is. The Sheriff and I really need to find that frog because...
-Oh just imagine US winning FANCIEST TOWN! I do hope we're not too provincial for your taste, we tried so hard...
OOH-OOH!
Are large hats still in vogue in the city?
Wirt's the one who knows about this stuff... do you know anything about hats?
Uhh... YES! The bigger, the better!

What about hourglass shapes?
uhh.. No... The best shape is...
A CIRCLE!
What colors this season?
Banana yellow and SHOELACE GREEN!
How would I make the greatest ball entrance of them all?

For the greatest grandest nicest bestest ball entrance ever, All you have to do is think BIGGER and BETTER!
Don't even think of wearing that old sweater — Unless that old sweater is the nicest bestest ever!
Higher heels and bigger hoops and buttons strung along, More is more is more — There's no way you'll get it wrong!
All you have to do is just think of this-
GONG GONG GONG
Huh?
My word! Look at the hour!
Come now everyone! Let us get our beauty rest before the big ball!
HUZZAH!! HUZZAH!!

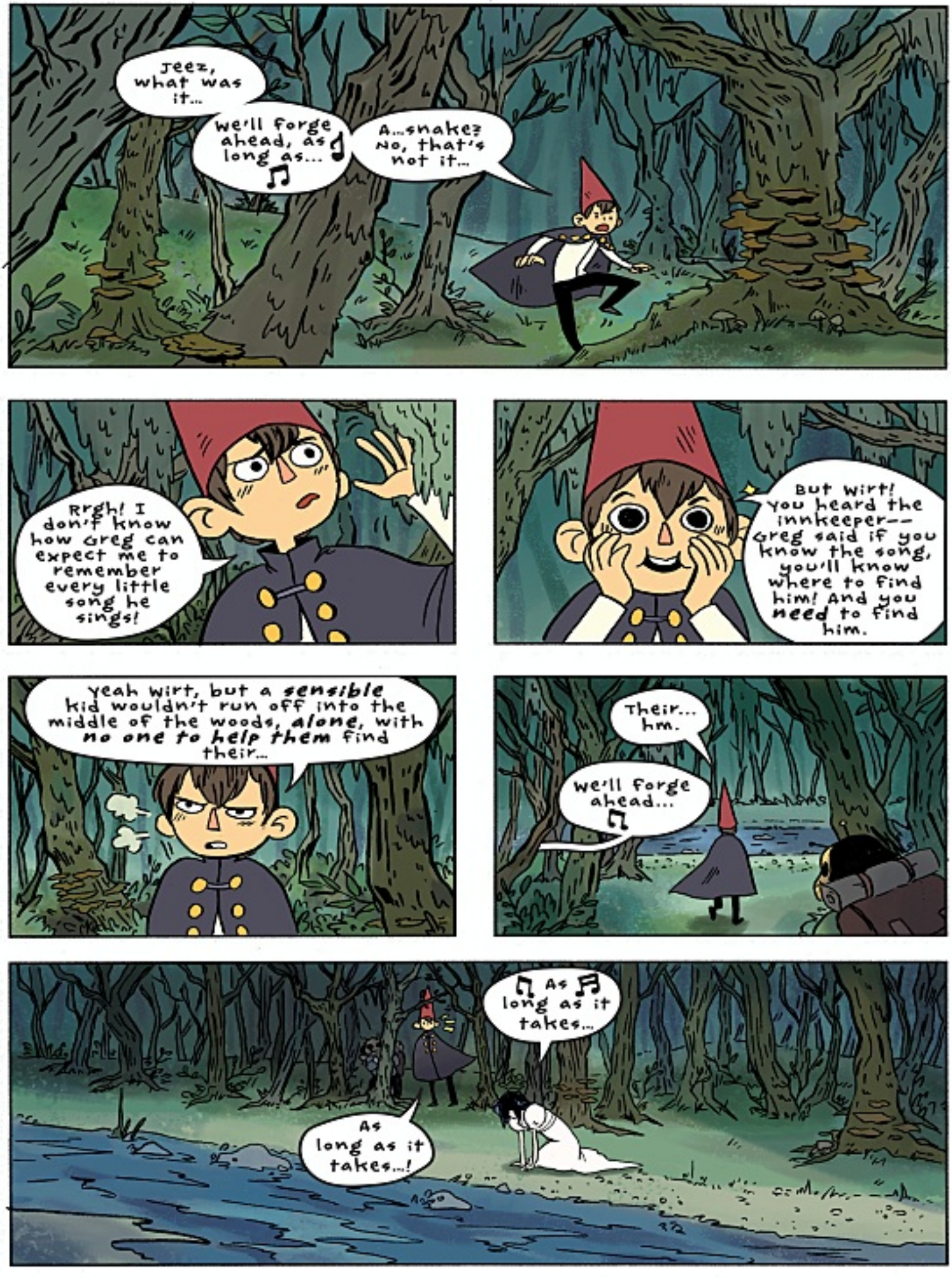
WAIT! We still didn't find the plaque!
I know what you're thinking, Robber, but we can't just go sneaking around town while everyone is napping.
ROROP!
You're right. It IS for a good cause...
WE'LL DO IT!
But first I gotta get my sneakin' around clothes.


If I was a clue, I'd be in the shiniest building.
Sneak, sneak, sneak... I hope we can see the plaque with all this sneaking.
Hey!
This is no time for your shenanigans, Robber!
THE LAW!

Great idea Robber! We'll lay low in this thing till THE LAW passes by.
Wait-Aren't we the law too? Whoa.
Viens vite, we must hurry!
The Grand Social is about to begin!
Vite, vite! They are nearly done with zee opening speech!
When the judges see this centerpiece, we'll surely win Fanciest Town!
Wait, aren't we the judges too?
And so it is MY GREATEST PLEASURE to present, for inspiring us to ever greater levels of sartorial excellence, this small token to OUR JUDGES from L'Institute Tres Chic!
Uh, oh! We're on!

l'Oeuf Glorieux
YOU'RE WELCOME!
Who are zees imposters?
WE, are zee judges from l'Institute Tres Chic!
We come all zis way to see if Beau Monde is fancy, and you show us zees IMITATORS?
I...I...
Imitation is zee SINCEREST form of flattery!
We declare zis ball zee EVENT OF ZEE YEAR!
All high society shall hear of it!
We hereby declare Beau Monde THE FANCIEST TOWN!
HOORAY!!
But zis... zis hat is a crime against taste!

...which in Beau Monde is punishable by a night in jail.
Tough but fair.
WEEEE!
Wait a minute... Aw no! I forgot to find the plaque again! Sorry Sheriff.
ROROP!
THE PLAQUE!
IN GRATITUDE FOR RESTORATION OF OUR LANDMARK JAIL AFTER THE SUSPICIOUS AND EXPLOSIVE ESCAPE OF NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL PIRATE CROAKER, WE PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO OUR HERO FROG. WE WISH HIS DRAB SETTLEMENT BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN BEST OF LUCK.
We gotta break out and go over the mountain to get to the hero frog!
ROROP!
Yeah. I guess we are getting out of jail tomorrow. Maybe Wirt'll catch up with us by then.
To be continued...


Jeez, what was it...
We'll forge ahead, as long as...
A...snake? No, that's not it...
Rrgh! I don't know how Greg can expect me to remember every little song he sings!
But Wirt! You heard the innkeeper-- Greg said if you know the song, you'll know where to find him! And you need to find him.
Yeah Wirt, but a sensible kid wouldn't run off into the middle of the woods, alone, with no one to help them find their...
Their... hm.
We'll forge ahead...
As long as it takes...
As long as it takes...!

Excuse me, miss, but--

Is that...?
Miss--

Hey--
Agh!!

Are you... real?
What??

You seem real...
I-I mean, yeah, I'm pretty sure I'm real--

Well, you would say that, that doesn't mean you are real.
What? I mean, I guess, but Look, I have to go--
Why? can't prove you're real, huh?
I-I no? No, it's just--
I'm trying to find my brother Greg, and this lady is singing a song and maybe it'll help me find him and I have no idea why I'm telling you this--and--
--andI-havetogo nowthanks.
Fine-- I've got places to be anyway.
Just be careful--some people are too lost to be found.
What?
Greg's not that lost, is he? He just ran off again like he always does....
NOPE NOPE NOPE

♪ We'll forge ahead... ♫
excuse me--

As long as it takes...
Uh-- excuse me? I'm trying to find a little boy--

short, brown haired, has a teapot on his head, probably getting into trouble? His name is Greg and--
Greg...?

Yes, perhaps that was his name...

Oh my gosh! I knew it!

So? Where did you last see Greg?
It seems so long ago...
I lost him in the fog...
Aw, jeez.
That's just like Greg...He's always running straight into fog, or storms, or monsters, or ghosts or something!
So far he's been okay...but...It's just hard to keep up, right? And I'm worried he'll run into the wrong kind of something. You know?
I mean, I'm sure he's in a better place than me right now and all, and definitely better than a graveyard, but...uh...

So...
Was Greg okay when you saw him? I mean, he's been okay before, but...
This river is really fast.
You don't think Greg fell in, do you?
Do you?

What? I don't know, I thought you saw him--
Here.

Here is where I saw him last, so long ago.
So long ago?

It couldn't have been *that* long ago, I just saw him at the inn--

You just saw him?
Yeah, I mean, I think I was the last person to see him, really. It was just a few hours ago--or, I *think* it was--

Sometimes, an era can feel like a mere moment to those with guilt-ridden hearts.
Yeah.... I guess that's true. When I feel guilty about something, I really get haunted about it forever, you know?

...maybe it is my fault Greg's gone--I should have-- jeez--

Did Greg cross this?! That's just like him!

It's like the kid has no fear radar! I don't get it! Even here--

All that haunts my mind is the watery void below us, awaiting its next unwary victim with foaming jaws
Your guilt betrays you, villain!

Wait-- huh?
YOU took my son from me, didn't you?!
What?!

You MUST have been the one to push him in!

Your SON?! Push him...Oh my gosh--I'm sorry, this is all a misunderstanding, Greg can't be your son, he's our MOM'S son, I'm so sorry,, I--

Cruelty assures cruelty, murderer!
Wait!

It's just a mix-up, I'm so sorry--
It's too late to be sorry! Now you'll meet the same fate as he! Farewell!
Ack!!
A ghost?!
Gotcha.

I told you to be careful.

Why? Are you a ghost, too?
No. Why? Are you?

What! No! I don't look anything like a ghost!
Yeah, but that's exactly what a shape-shifter would say...

Shoot, I have to get going.

Sorry, it's just--my brother, Greg...Do you think Greg could have fallen in?
With that trusty frog of his? Not a chance.

Mm...

Trusty frog...? Wait, you've seen Greg!

Augh, dangit--
What now, Wirt?
We were trying to remember Greg's song, Wirt.
Rrgh, alright
We'll forge ahead, as long as it takes, to... to...
To find the frog and crack the case! That's it!
But... that...
...doesn't help at all. Is there *more* to this song? Ughh... Greg, where *are* you?
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